RAJYA SABHA

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The House met at eleven of the clock. **Mr. Chairman** in the chair.

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

MR. CHAIRMAN: Yes, Question No. 221. Mr. Sesi Bhushana Rao. Absent.

*221. [*The questioner (Shri Yalla Sesi Bhushana Rao) was absent. For answer,* vide *col.* 37-38 infra].

*222. [*The questioners (Shri J. P. Goyal and Shri Ram Naresh Kushwaha) were absent. For answer,* vide *col.* 38-39 infra].

*223. [*The questioner (Shri Sharad Yadav) was absent. For answer,* vide *col.* 39-40 infra].

*224. [*The questioner (Shri Satya Prakash Malaviya) was absent. For answer,* vide *col.* 41-42 infra].

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question No. 25. Mr. Vaghela.

SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Yes, Sir. Question No. 225.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much.

Portraits of Indian Scientists

225. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: †
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report which appeared in 'India Today' of December 15, 1986 to the effect that as per the wishes of the Prime Minister, the CSIR is to make the portraits of Indian Scientists on special paper imported from Japan and mail them to about 1 lakh 50 thousand Government-funded high schools, every month in special cylindrical containers, again to be imported from Japan; and

(b) if so, what is the break-up of the overall cost of this CSIR project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) There is no proposal with CSIR to import paper from Japan for the purpose of making portraits of Indian Scientists.

(b) Does not arise.

श्री शंकर सिंह वाघेला: श्रीमन्, यह दिसम्बर, 15, 1986 के 'इंडिया टुडे' में नहीं था लेकिन नवम्बर 15, 1986 में यह स्टोरी छपी थी तो मैं माननीय मंत्री जी से यह पूछना चाहता हूं कि क्या सी० एस० आई० आर० का कोई साइंटिस्ट प्रधान मंत्री जी को इस बारे में रमन जी के पोर्ट्रेट के बारे में मिला था? अगर मिला था तो क्या बताया?

SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN: Sir, the Director-General of the CSIR had a meeting with the Prime Minister and during the discussions it was decided that we should bring out portraits of the distinguished Indian scientists including Dr. C. V. Raman and Shri J. C. Bose.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Yes, Mr. Vaghela, you put your second supplementary.

श्री शंकर सिंह वाघेला: श्रीमन्, इसमें जवाब में कहा गया है कि 15 दिसम्बर के 'इंडिया टुडे' में इस प्रकार का कोई समाचार नहीं है। तो मैंने बताया कि समाचार है। तो क्या सी०एस०आई० आर. के वैज्ञानिकों की कार्यवाही या ड्यूटी पोर्ट्रेट तैयार करने की है या और कुछ करने की है? क्या कार्यवाही क्या

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Shanker Sinh Vaghela.

कामगिरी सी०एस०आई०आर० के वैज्ञानिकों को करनी है या उन्हें ये पोर्ट्रेट तैयार करने हैं ?

SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN: Sir, I did not say that there was no proposal. But I did say that there was no proposal to import paper from Japan.

SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Regarding the duties of the scientists of the CSIR, whom are they serving? Are they doing this kind of a job at the Prime Minister's order?

SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN: Sir, the duty of the CSIR is to promote scientific research as well as to popularise science and the results of scientific research and that is the part of the operation to popularise science and also the distinguished scientists.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Yes, Mr. Kapil Verma.

SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Sir, I would like to know what steps are being taken to acquaint the younger generation, particularly those who are working in our labs with the achievements of our great scientists in view of the fact that India has made a great name in science and technology all over the world.

MR. CHAIRMAN: This has nothing to do with the main question. Anyhow, since there are very few people present now... (*Interruptions*) ... I will allow it.

SHRI KAPIL VERMA: I mentioned "those working in the labs". So, you can allow it, Sir.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Yes, Mr. Narayanan.

SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN: Sir, we have taken a series of measures for popularising science and acquainting young Indian scientists as well as the general public with the achievements of Indian science and scientists. Actually, the declaration on the "National Science Day" on the 28th February was one of the major steps in this direction.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Next Question. Question No. 226. Mr. Chitta Basu. Absent.

*226. [*The questioner (Shri Chitta Basu) was absent. For answer,* vide col. 42 infra].

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question No. 227. Prof. C. Lakshmanna.

Measures to seize black money

*227. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to step up measures for seizure of black money by continuing the searches and seizures of illegal wealth accumulated by businessmen through avoiding taxes; and

(b) if so, whether the enforcement machinery of Government is being further strengthened?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The enforcement machinery of the Income-tax Department has been recently strengthened.

PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Sir, I asked a question which is of grave importance. Sir, black money is playing havoc with the country's economy and in this process the industrial houses have been doing a much bigger harm to the country's economy. We have also been hearing that the accounts in the Swiss banks and other banks have been swelling and many important people are involved in that. In view of that, the answer given is not doing justice to the question. I want to specifically ask the